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1. I CONCUR IN DEPT'S COMMENT LAST SENTENCE OF REFTEL. PRIME MINISTER, FONMIN AND MEMBERS OF FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE ALL ARE EXPECTING FRYDENLUND TO EXPRESS NORWAY'S CONCERN OVER IDF ISSUE AND WOULD BE SHOCKED IF HE DID NOT. IT WOULD BE GROSS MISJUDGMENT ON HIS PART IF HE FAILED TO DO SO.

2. AS DEPT IS AWARE, WE HAD TO COUNTERACT THE IMPRESSION LEFT WITH FONMIN AFTER DECEMBER NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING WHEN NONE OF THE NATO FONMINISTERS APPARENTLY TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO EXPRESS CONCERN TO FONMIN OVER IDF. THE PRIME MINISTER AND FONMIN INTERPRETED THIS AS MEANING USG WAS EXAGGERATING THE IDF'S IMPORTANCE TO NATO OR TO CERTAIN COUNTRIES.

3. ALTHOUGH I HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THIS WITH NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR IN REYKJAVIK I FEEL CERTAIN HE WOULD SHARE OUR VIEWS THAT IT WOULD BE GRAVE MISTAKE FOR HIS FONMIN TO FAIL TO RAISE IDF SUBJECT WHILE HERE. IRVING

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